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Eighth Annual Report

OF THE

State Welfare Board

AS MADE TO

GOVERNOR MILLARD F. CALDWELL

FOR THE PERIOD

July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945

as required by
The State Welfare Act

With Reports of the
Twelve Welfare Districts



STATE WELFARE BOARD MEMBERS: Emmet Safay, Jacksonville, Chairman; David W. Ireland, Ft. Myers, Vice-Chairman; J. D. Carroll, Pensacola, Secretary; Mrs. Hollis Rinehart, Jr., Miami; W. J. Gardiner, Daytona Beach; James W. Warren, Tampa; Warren T. Zeuch, Vero Beach.

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HON. MILLARD F. CALDWELL
GOVERNOR

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Honorable Millard F. Caldwell
Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

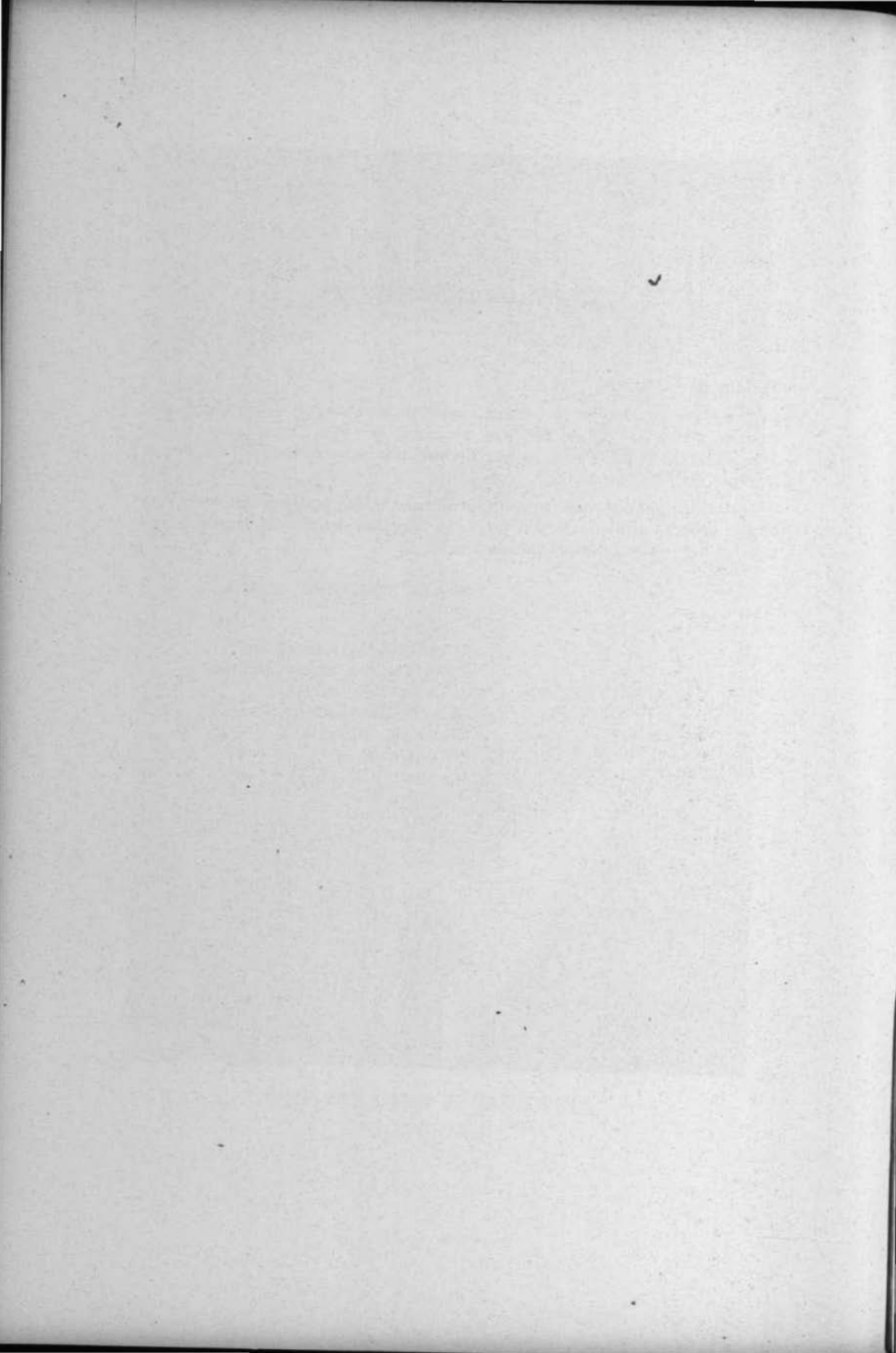
We have the honor to submit herewith a report of the administration of Florida's public welfare program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1945, which includes a complete accounting of all funds received and disbursed.

At this time we consider it appropriate to express our appreciation of the cordial support which we have received from your administration and from the State Legislature.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REVIEWED

A satisfying aspect of public assistance administration in Florida during the fiscal year reviewed in this report was the ability of the State Welfare Board and the district welfare boards to relieve much of the distress of eligible dependent groups through the distribution of state-federal funds during a period of high living costs.

While wartime conditions had enabled a considerable number of recipients to become self-supporting and to withdraw from the rolls, at least temporarily, they had imposed economic penalties upon those unable to accept employment opportunities or ineligible for military allotments. The purchasing power of the dollar had appreciably declined. Realistically viewed this was the equivalent of a reduction in cash public assistance payments.

National plenty, in this instance, was no doubt confusing so far as the public was concerned. Only the observant and analytical would have been likely to arrive at a fair conclusion of the plight of those dependent upon public support. A natural assumption would have been that all classes were sharing the general prosperity.

Of the three public assistance groups, the needy aged required the most assistance. Numerically they were preponderant. In addition, many were largely unemployable, as their average age was 74 years and they were enfeebled by physical and mental decline, chronically ill and in some instances bedridden. Children and relatives were handicapped in contributing to their support as liberally as before because of their own increased obligations.

PURCHASING POWER MAINTAINED.—Aware of its responsibility to provide purchasing power for the dependent aged and blind equal to that which they had previously received, if suffering was to be avoided, the State Welfare Board authorized an increase in the average grant, budgeting racing revenues allocated for the payment of old-age assistance in the same amount as received the previous year, as well as an unexpended balance. With the unexpected suspension of racing on January 3, the Board found itself confronted with a deficit instead of an anticipated surplus of \$400,000. To meet this situation it asked an expression of opinion from members of the Legislature as to whether it should reduce assistance payments. Legislators went on record as strongly opposed to any cut and early in the 1945 session unanimously voted a deficiency appropriation of \$600,000 for the final month of the fiscal year.

Average payments to the needy blind and near-blind were increased in proportion to those of the needy aged, and investigations of all applications were made on practically a current basis.

In the aid to dependent children category, relief was brought to additional numbers by opening all pending applications for investigation to determine eligibility and increasing state payments to the maximum amounts which the federal government would match under the provisions of the Social Security Act.

In meeting need on the current inflation basis, the number of recipients of old-age assistance receiving the maximum payment of \$40 per month was increased to 7,439 as of June, 1945, and of aid to the blind to 543. The legal ceilings, however, did not always permit the meeting of full budgetary need.

In addition to economic assistance, the State Welfare Board and the district welfare boards contributed further to the well-being of eligible dependents through the rendering of various social services. These do not follow a fixed pattern but vary according to conditions

and individual necessities. The general policy is to promote to the fullest possible extent the welfare of all recipients within statutory and staff limitations.

LOCAL RESOURCES MOBILIZED.—Recognizing that the assistance which they can render is often inadequate to meet the full need of dependents, the State Welfare Board and the district welfare boards have sought to supplement it through encouraging the mobilizing of all available local resources. To accomplish this aim the district welfare boards, district and unit offices work closely with local welfare agencies, charitably inclined organizations and individuals, with counties and municipalities and with federated welfare groups, where such exist. Through coordination of effort, not only can more effective results be obtained but waste and duplication can be avoided.

By serving as a clearing house, local offices of the district welfare board can direct those in need to other community agencies which can contribute to their particular wants. Since there are numerous organizations that have specific welfare objectives, it is often possible to obtain the definite assistance required in individual cases. Recipients whose dependency has already been established by the district welfare boards can be referred directly to these cooperating groups and individuals at a saving of time and effort. Referrals can also be made to counties and municipalities upon request, the State Welfare Board being authorized by the State Welfare Act to accept such duties "as may be delegated to it by any agency of the Federal government, State government or municipal government."

MEETING FUTURE NEED.—The Legislature, upon the recommendation of the Governor and without a dissenting vote increased the annual appropriation of state funds to \$4,600,000 in addition to the continuing appropriation of \$3,400,000 for the payment of old-age assistance, aid to the blind and administrative costs of the state welfare program, a total of \$8,000,000; and the appropriation for the payment of aid to dependent children to \$825,000, in addition to the continuing appropriation of \$400,000, a total of \$1,225,000.

The funds appropriated are sufficient to carry the program on the same basis as for the fiscal year July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945 for the ensuing biennium. Their adequacy to meet future need is dependent upon contingencies that may arise and that are directly related to the duration of the War and to conditions that will follow the conclusion of hostilities. In this connection, the records of the State Welfare Board show that the number of recipients of old-age assistance increased from 38,395 as of June, 1944, to 40,651 as of June, 1945, the number of families receiving aid to dependent children from 3,115 to 5,470, while the number of recipients of aid to the blind decreased from 2,306 to 2,262.

The increase in the number of aged recipients is attributed to the return to the rolls because of the loss of employment, as wartime production slowed, of some who had become self-sustaining, and to the necessity which caused others to apply for assistance because their meagre income could no longer be stretched to meet their minimum need. With the restoration of peace it is anticipated that still others will be adversely affected by loss of military allotments, by the inability of relatives to assist and by other depletion of income. Fluctuations in the number of recipients of aid to dependent children during the fiscal year have been governed to an extent by increased state funds which made possible the opening of all pending applications and by a reduction in the number of applicants because of improved family resources.

Florida's average monthly payments to the needy aged and blind are closely in line with those of the majority of states at this time. Its payments to dependent children do not compare so favorably with the national average of \$47.46 per family for June, 1945.

ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR

Net expenditures for public assistance during the fiscal year, July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945, by months:

MONTH	Total	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Blind	Aid to Dependent Children
July, 1944.....	\$1,091,337.00	\$ 935,399.00	\$ 58,907.50	\$ 97,030.50
August.....	1,267,842.50	1,088,130.50	67,009.50	112,702.50
September.....	1,288,528.00	1,098,349.00	67,033.50	123,145.50
October.....	1,303,506.00	1,105,946.00	67,056.50	130,503.50
November.....	1,329,051.00	1,121,938.50	67,755.50	139,357.00
December.....	1,345,641.50	1,130,700.50	67,443.00	147,498.00
January, 1945.....	1,354,731.00	1,135,094.50	67,371.00	152,265.50
February.....	1,369,278.00	1,141,514.00	67,593.00	160,171.00
March.....	1,381,394.00	1,147,138.50	67,456.00	166,799.50
April.....	1,396,592.50	1,157,445.50	67,407.00	171,740.00
May.....	1,409,362.00	1,163,983.00	67,588.50	177,790.50
June.....	1,425,105.50	1,174,108.00	67,707.50	183,290.00
	\$15,962,369.00	\$13,399,747.00	\$800,328.50	\$1,762,293.50

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AND AVERAGE GRANTS

The number of recipients of public assistance at the beginning and end of the fiscal year were:

June, 1944		June, 1945	
OAA.....	38,395	OAA.....	40,651
AB.....	2,306	AB.....	2,262
ADC.....	3,115 (families)	ADC.....	5,470 (families)
	7,165 (children)		12,581 (children)

AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENT IN JUNE 1944 AND JUNE, 1945:

June, 1944		June, 1945	
OAA.....	\$24.11	OAA.....	\$28.88
AB.....	\$25.42	AB.....	\$29.93
ADC.....	\$29.23	ADC.....	\$33.51

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The State Welfare Board has budgeted \$18,708,167 in state-federal funds for the payment of public assistance and administrative costs of the State Welfare program for the fiscal year July 1, 1945—June 30, 1946. The budget is based on the following average grants and number of recipients:

	NUMBER RECIPIENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT
Old-Age Assistance.....	41,000	\$28.90
Aid to the Blind.....	2,300	30.00
Aid to Dependent Children.....	6,000 families	33.50

State funds appropriated by the 1945 session of the Legislature for the payment of public assistance and administrative costs total \$9,225,000 per annum for the biennium. Unexpended balances were reappropriated.

The Federal Government matches state funds for the payment of old-age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children and also shares administrative costs.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY YEARS

The Federal Social Security Act, which provides Federal funds in equal amount with State funds for the payment of public assistance in those States having approved plans, has been in effect since August 14, 1935. During eight years of that decade Florida has distributed cash assistance to the needy aged and blind and dependent children otherwise eligible, its state-federal public assistance program dating from July 1, 1937.

Cash distributions, with the exception of the first year when time-consuming original investigations were required to establish the eligibility of a large number of applicants, have been governed almost entirely by state financial participation in the program. To a small extent they have been affected by inability at times to obtain sufficient staff. As funds have increased a correspondingly larger percentage of budgetary need has been met. For the fiscal year included in this report it has been possible to meet 100 per cent of such need, subject to maximums imposed by law. These limit payments to recipients of old-age assistance and aid to the blind to \$40 per month and to recipients of aid to dependent children to \$18 per month for the first child under 16 years of age, or under 18 if attending school, and \$12 to other children in the family.

Distribution of funds by category and years follows:

YEAR	Total	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Blind	Aid to Dependent Children
1937-38	\$4,057,639.24	\$3,986,031.24	\$ 71,608.00
1938-39	6,347,012.33	5,659,715.33	375,536.00	\$ 311,761.00
1939-40	6,202,799.75	5,077,284.75	333,357.00	792,158.00
1940-41	6,882,609.66	5,590,180.66	391,057.00	901,372.00
1941-42	8,224,008.00	6,509,923.00	465,364.00	1,248,721.00
1942-43	9,081,171.00	7,327,980.00	483,037.00	1,270,154.00
1943-44	10,066,684.85	8,544,509.85	544,470.50	977,704.50
1944-45	15,962,369.00	13,399,747.00	800,328.50	1,762,293.50
Totals	\$66,824,293.83	\$56,095,371.83	\$3,464,758.00	\$7,264,164.00

SERVICES TO CHILDREN

In addition to services to children receiving financial assistance through the Aid to Dependent Children program, the State Welfare Board has continued to develop social services for children, serving five thousand children during this fiscal year. They were children for whom the main problem was not solely an economic one. They were children whose parents were unable to give them good care, whose parent or parents were absent from the home, and children who were handicapped or disadvantaged in other ways. Services were given, for

example, in helping the parent understand the child's problems, referring the parent to health, recreational and other resources within the community, providing temporary care for the child away from his own home, arranging for supervision of the child in his own home during the temporary absence of the parents. Where there were no local resources available, the State Welfare Board has used limited funds to provide emergency shelter care for children, housekeeper service, certain educational opportunities, maintenance and transportation for abandoned, stranded or run-away children and services to children born out of wedlock.

In twelve counties, state and federal money has been used to pay for the services of trained child-welfare workers. Local funds in these areas made possible more extensive and specialized services, including foster home care for children. In these twelve counties, \$27,934.56 was made available by county and city governments, civic groups and individuals to provide direct care for children. This was an increase of \$10,096.45 over the local funds received during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1944. These counties included Alachua, Broward, Duval, Escambia, Jackson, Hillsborough, Indian River, Monroe, Orange, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Volusia. The child-welfare services program in Dade County has been limited to the licensing of commercial boarding homes and no local funds have been made available for general services to children.

The State Welfare Board granted licenses to individuals and institutions providing care for dependent children and to five child-placing agencies. All child-caring and child-placing agencies were visited, not only to determine whether standards of child care were being maintained, but also to offer consultative services. Under a law applicable during the past year only to Dade County commercial boarding homes providing care for children were licensed.

Under the Adoption Law, the State Welfare Board is, for the purposes of adoption, designated as the official guardian of children who have no parents or guardian, or who have been abandoned or released by the natural parents, and who have not been permanently committed to a licensed child-placing agency. As provided by law, the State Welfare Board, in instances in which the child has not been permanently committed to a licensed child-placing agency, has made a study of the adoptive parents to determine their suitability and study of the child to determine that he is a proper subject for adoption and has made recommendations to the Circuit Court as to the desirability of the proposed adoption.

From July 1, 1943 through June 30, 1945, 1,517 petitions for adoption were filed in Florida. In 135 petitions (8 4/5%) the children had been permanently committed and placed by licensed child-placing agencies. The State Welfare Board was responsible for the study and filing of recommendations for 1,382 petitions.

SERVICES TO STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

The services of the State Welfare Board have been available not only to individual citizens of the state who have requested assistance but also to state agencies and institutions upon request.

The State Welfare Board has continued its plan of furnishing to the Florida State Hospital certain social data needed by the institution in planning for the admission or discharge of individual patients. Approximately one hundred such studies were made during the past year by the staff of the State Welfare Board.

In April the State Welfare Board was asked to cooperate in the special study of the Florida Farm Colony. The agency assumed responsibility for furnishing current medical and social data on ninety-two children who were awaiting admission to the institution. Since the

Florida Farm Colony has requested the agency to continue this type of service on a permanent basis, plans are being developed toward that end.

The Crippled Children's Commission and the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium have also requested the help of the agency in special instances where case work service was needed to supplement the medical care being provided.

The State Welfare Board maintains a close working relationship with other state departments particularly the State Board of Health, and the State Department of Education, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in order that persons needing the specific type of care offered by these departments might be referred for service.

WAR SERVICES

During the past year the State Welfare Board has continued to assist Federal, state, and local agencies in handling some of the social problems which have been created by the war. This has been achieved not only through granting financial assistance to individuals, but in extending the services of the staff to those persons who need help in adjusting to new situations.

CIVILIAN WAR ASSISTANCE.—The State Welfare Board is the agency designated by the Social Security Board to assist civilians who are in need as a result of enemy attack. Although continental United States suffered no attack by the enemy, many of our citizens living in the Philippines and other war stricken areas have been returned to this country and have received assistance and medical care because of the hardships experienced in prison camps. Assistance is given on a temporary basis as most repatriates are able to assume their normal responsibilities after a period of recuperation. All costs for this program are borne by the Federal government.

ASSISTANCE TO ENEMY ALIENS AND OTHERS.—Acting for the Federal government, the agency has also given assistance and service to enemy aliens and others whose activities were affected by the restrictive action of the government. Many persons who were interned as a protective measure are being encouraged to resettle in other sections of the country and although most of them are able to maintain themselves financially, they need the help of the staff through the period of readjustment to community life. The Federal government bears all costs of operating this program.

SERVICES TO SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS.—Throughout the war period the staff of the agency has made investigations for the local Selective Service Boards on all registrants requesting deferment on the basis of dependency.

Perhaps the most important service to the Selective Service Boards has been the agency's participation in the Medical Survey program. At the request of local draft boards, medical and social information is secured on all registrants whose ability to fit into military service is questioned. These reports are sent to the examining physicians who determine the registrant's fitness for military duty.

Recently the State Welfare Board agreed to give further service to Selective Service Boards by investigating the status of persons requesting discharge from the Armed Forces on the basis of dependency of relatives. Through contacts made at the request of the Selective Service Board, the agency has been able to give case work service to many persons who had no previous experience with social agencies.

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS.—During the past year, the agency has assisted the Women's Army Corps in its selection of applicants for enlistment. At the request of the WAC, the staff has secured social and medical information on those recruits whose ability to adjust to military service was questioned.

SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES.—The staff of the agency has been active throughout the war period in developing plans for the

social protection of young girls, large numbers of whom have gotten into difficulty. Cooperating with the State Board of Health and local welfare agencies, plans have been made for the rehabilitation of girls and women who were being treated for venereal infection. Experience has revealed that the problem must be solved collectively since it is one in which law enforcement officers, public health officials, and social welfare agencies are concerned.

PERSONNEL

Realizing that social work is a profession and that the social worker, like the teacher, the nutritionist, the nurse and medical technician, and those employed in similar pursuits, requires a high degree of skill and experience, the State Welfare Board has sought to build up and retain a social work staff of superior quality. In doing this it was mindful of the fact that such a staff in the long run would be more economical because of the efficiency acquired through training, and more capable because of its proficiency in meeting human problems.

From the beginning of the program social work staff has been selected through merit system examinations based on high entrance qualifications and retained on merit as established by periodical evaluations. Clerical staff, also, has been selected from merit system registers since the amending of the Social Security Act, effective January 1, 1940, to impose such a requirement.

Although competitive demand for trained social workers has continuously drained State Welfare Board social work staff during the war period, standards have nevertheless been well maintained and the merit system principle has been kept in effect. In some instances, however, it has been necessary to employ personnel on a provisional or even an emergency basis. Due to the scarcity of district welfare visitors, the position of "War-Duration Visitor" was created during the year, so that vacancies might be filled and agency services continued without interruption. This action was taken with the advice and consent of the Merit System Council. By being able to offer temporary employment the Agency was able to enlist the services of many "war wives" who had come to the State and who had acquired social work experience in other fields, as well as teachers during the vacation months and others who for various reasons could not accept permanent employment.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION DURING YEAR

The Commodity Distribution Division of the State Welfare Board distributed commodities furnished by the Federal Government without cost in the amount of 3,385,179 pounds of an aggregate wholesale value of \$233,722.78 during the fiscal year.

Distribution was made to 780 schools and 183,605 children in 65 counties, to 6 State institutions with 7,452 inmates and to 36 charitable institutions with 2,557 inmates.

Wholesale value of commodities distributed, broken down:

To schools	\$142,984.12
To State Institutions	81,856.22
To charitable institutions	8,882.44

Cost of distribution was borne largely by benefited institutions and counties in which schools were located, the State Welfare Board acting as the distributor because it was the sole state agency charged with such a responsibility by law. Failure upon its part to make the distribution might have deprived Florida's children, state and charitable institutions of badly needed foodstuffs during a period of scarcity, as well as of the opportunity to share Federal allocations to the states.

FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

The State Welfare Board contributes to the welfare of the sightless by cooperating with the Florida Council for the Blind, an independent governing board, as well as by the distribution of cash assistance to those who are in need and otherwise eligible.

Through its District welfare offices, the State Welfare Board serves as the Council's local in-take offices. Applications are taken on specialized analysis forms by district staff of persons desiring Council service and these are forwarded to its State headquarters at Tampa where they are evaluated and referred to that department best suited to give the required service. District welfare board staff also assists the Council in arrangements pertaining to transportation of clients, doctor's appointments and such other services as are required to meet the need of the individual applicant.

Of the estimated 4,000 blind or near-blind population of the State, 1,922 have been registered with the Florida Council for the Blind since it began to function three years ago. During the past year the number of applicants has more than doubled. On June 30, 1945, 859 persons in 58 counties were receiving service or awaiting service. Of these, 401 were considered potentially employable and are active with the Employment Division of the Council where substantial employment has been found for 53. The remainder are either receiving rehabilitation services, including medical care, or will receive such services during the year with the view that they may obtain eventual paid employment.

NEW WELFARE LEGISLATION

The 1945 session of the Legislature enacted a number of laws that relate directly or indirectly to the administration of public welfare in Florida.

These included two amendments to the State Welfare Act.

One of these provided for the partial removal of salary restrictions on six positions, at the discretion of the State Welfare Board, so that key supervisory personnel might be obtained or retained during the period of strong competition in the labor market, and so that a well-balanced compensation plan might be made effective.

The other, entirely permissive in nature, authorized the State Welfare Board to render financial assistance to political units operating institutions and boarding homes for the care of or board of the aged, blind and dependent children. This legislation, enacted after welfare appropriations had been made, did not provide funds for the purpose prescribed. The Social Security Act does not permit the use of matching federal funds for such a purpose.

Under a general State Officers and Employees Retirement Plan made effective by the Legislature as of July 1, 1945, employees of the State Welfare Board and the district welfare boards were extended the privilege of qualifying for retirement pay after reaching the age of 60. Participation in the plan is optional.

Another general law grants to honorably discharged war veterans who have been bonafide residents of the State for three years, and the widows of such persons, a preference of 10 points in addition to the rating earned by them, and priority on the list of eligibles having the same rating, in merit system and civil service examinations.

The State Welfare Board and "all state agencies created by legislative act and supported by any form of taxation" come within the provisions of the new Budget Commission bill.

The Legislature also diverted all beverage revenues to the General Revenue Fund. These had previously provided \$3,800,000 annually in public assistance funds. This continuing appropriation will be obtained from the General Revenue Fund for the next biennium, as will sup-

plementary appropriations, less such amounts as may be appropriated from the "Old-Age Assistance Tax Fund", allocated for the payment of old-age assistance, and the truck maintenance tax, ear-marked for the payment of aid to dependent children. A considerable increase in public assistance revenue is expected from a new 2 per cent tax levied on pari-mutuel pools at dog tracks and Jai Alai frontons and a tax of half the "breakage" at both. In the event revenues credited to the "Old-Age Assistance Tax Fund" are in excess of \$4,600,000 per year the overage would be expendable in the payment of old-age assistance.

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

July 1, 1944, through June 30, 1945

RECEIPTS

Fund Balance July 1, 1944—State OAA and AB.....	\$ 1,531,957.27		
State Appropriations for OAA and AB.....	5,999,991.00	\$ 7,531,948.27	
Fund Balance July 1, 1944—State ADC.....	\$ 371,216.92		
State Appropriations for ADC.....	987,385.35	1,358,602.27	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS.....			\$ 8,890,550.54
Fund Balance July 1, 1944—Federal OAA.....	\$ 173,321.25		
Federal Grants for OAA.....	6,878,922.80	\$ 7,052,244.05	
Fund Balance July 1, 1944—Federal AB.....	\$ 17,933.21		
Federal Grants for AB.....	417,808.94	435,742.15	
Fund Balance July 1, 1944—Federal ADC.....	\$ 153,386.62		
Federal Grants for ADC.....	843,750.45	997,137.07	
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS.....			8,485,132.27
Miscellaneous Funds Received:			
Contributions to Commodity Program.....		\$ 7,800.00	
Reimbursement for W.A.C. Program.....		70.00	
Reimbursement for Medical Survey.....		5,221.50	13,091.50
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PERIOD.....			\$ 17,388,765.31

DISBURSEMENTS

For Old Age Assistance.....		\$ 13,490,933.50
Less: Cancellations.....	\$ 89,452.00	
Refunds.....	1,734.50	91,186.50

Net OAA Payments.....	\$ 13,399,747.00	
From State OAA Fund.....		\$ 6,699,873.50
From Federal OAA Fund.....		6,699,873.50
For Aid to the Blind.....	804,464.50	
Less: Cancellations.....	4,136.00	
Refunds.....	None	4,136.00
Net AB Payments.....	\$ 800,328.50	
From State AB Fund.....		400,164.25
From Federal AB Fund.....		400,164.25
For Aid to Dependent Children.....	1,765,809.50	
Less: Cancellations.....	3,460.00	
Refunds.....	56.00	3,516.00
Net ADC Payments.....	\$ 1,762,293.50	
From State ADC Fund.....		881,146.75
From Federal ADC Fund.....		881,146.75
For ADC—Special Services to Children.....	1,158.57	
From State ADC Fund.....		1,158.57

TOTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS..... \$ 15,963,527.57

For Administrative Expenditures

From State Funds—		
For Old Age Assistance.....	\$ 308,282.43	
For Aid to the Blind.....	22,999.55	
For Aid to Dependent Children.....	104,478.29	
For All Other Services.....	129,950.19	\$ 565,710.46
From Federal Funds—		
For Old Age Assistance.....	\$ 335,037.05	
For Aid to the Blind.....	22,999.55	
For Aid to Dependent Children.....	104,478.29	462,514.89

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES..... \$ 1,028,225.35

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD..... \$ 16,991,752.92

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements..... \$ 397,012.39

PROOF OF EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS

Fund Balance, June 30, 1945—State OAA and AB.....	\$	30,825.47
Fund Balance, June 30, 1945—State ADC.....		289,097.96
Fund Balance, June 30, 1945—ADC Special Services.....		23,841.43
Fund Balance, June 30, 1945—Federal OAA.....		26,273.47
Fund Balance, June 30, 1945—Federal AB.....		13,320.84
Fund Balance, June 30, 1945—Federal ADC.....		12,085.72
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TOTAL FUND BALANCES—June 30, 1945.....	\$	395,444.89
Supplies Inventory—On Hand June 30, 1945.....		1,567.50
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TOTAL.....	\$	397,012.39

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS BY COUNTIES

July, 1944—June, 1945

(Cases shown are those receiving assistance as of June, 1945. Assistance shown is the total amount received for the period July, 1944—June, 1945.)

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		AID TO THE BLIND		AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		TOTAL All Assistance Payments *
	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments*	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	
DISTRICT No. 1—							
Bay.....	479	\$ 154,898.50	27	\$ 9,687.50	79	\$ 25,242.50	\$ 189,828.50
Escambia.....	1,297	385,887.00	65	19,171.50	222	66,235.00	471,293.50
Holmes.....	499	136,987.50	40	11,287.50	105	32,576.00	180,851.00
Okaloosa.....	542	175,045.50	23	7,133.50	137	35,560.00	217,739.00
Santa Rosa.....	605	201,529.50	51	17,743.50	117	35,654.00	254,927.00
Walton.....	599	178,557.50	32	11,438.00	132	44,546.50	234,542.00
Washington.....	542	164,964.50	44	14,456.00	139	47,585.00	227,005.50
TOTAL.....	4,563	\$1,397,870.00	282	\$ 90,917.50	931	\$ 287,399.00	\$1,776,186.50
DISTRICT No. 2—							
Calhoun.....	233	\$ 80,636.50	20	\$ 7,006.50	45	\$ 15,887.50	\$ 103,530.50
Franklin.....	154	44,764.00	7	2,690.00	16	5,559.00	53,013.00
Gadsden.....	738	214,373.50	33	9,809.50	43	15,171.00	239,354.00
Gulf.....	117	38,078.00	9	1,955.50	19	5,986.00	46,019.50
Jackson.....	1,365	383,076.50	50	15,196.50	143	49,671.50	447,944.50
Jefferson.....	581	153,244.50	21	6,734.50	21	8,860.00	168,839.00
Leon.....	946	264,144.50	43	13,120.50	75	27,153.50	304,418.50
Liberty.....	160	56,235.50	7	2,880.00	13	5,938.00	65,053.50
Wakulla.....	216	72,992.00	14	4,549.00	35	11,253.50	88,794.50
TOTAL.....	4,510	\$1,307,545.00	204	\$ 63,942.00	410	\$ 145,480.00	\$1,516,967.00

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS BY COUNTIES

July, 1944—June, 1945

(Cases shown are those receiving assistance as of June, 1945. Assistance shown is the total amount received for the period July, 1944—June, 1945.)

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		AID TO THE BLIND		AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		TOTAL All Assistance Payments *
	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments*	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	
DISTRICT No. 3—							
Columbia.....	609	\$ 190,687.00	21	\$ 7,712.50	86	\$ 26,224.00	\$ 224,623.50
Dixie.....	134	43,574.50	14	5,304.50	58	16,228.50	65,107.50
Gilchrist.....	103	30,792.50	6	2,061.50	36	13,219.50	46,073.50
Hamilton.....	365	98,257.00	17	5,035.50	53	19,519.00	122,811.50
Lafayette.....	164	49,772.50	7	1,934.50	35	9,569.00	61,276.00
Levy.....	466	140,132.50	23	6,378.00	77	24,077.50	170,588.00
Madison.....	642	209,272.00	22	7,226.00	99	34,821.00	251,319.00
Suwannee.....	664	193,447.50	32	10,061.50	101	33,575.00	237,084.00
Taylor.....	343	104,072.50	18	6,334.00	88	26,270.50	136,677.00
TOTAL.....	3,490	\$1,060,008.00	160	\$ 52,048.00	633	\$ 203,504.00	\$1,315,560.00
DISTRICT No. 4—							
Citrus.....	223	\$ 67,803.00	16	\$ 5,212.00	21	\$ 5,362.00	\$ 78,377.00
Hernando.....	207	66,311.00	6	2,074.00	11	2,624.50	71,009.50
Pasco.....	392	128,109.00	21	6,880.00	27	8,293.00	143,282.00
Pinellas.....	1,840	644,991.50	58	22,221.00	138	45,037.00	712,249.50
TOTAL.....	2,662	\$ 907,214.50	101	\$ 36,387.00	197	\$ 61,316.50	\$1,004,918.00
DISTRICT No. 5—							
Alachua.....	1,313	\$ 404,563.00	78	\$ 27,377.00	236	\$ 67,102.00	\$ 499,042.00
Baker.....	215	72,879.00	16	4,950.00	74	23,460.50	101,289.50

Bradford.....	293	91,175.00	12	3,952.00	55	15,464.00	110,591.00
Clay.....	224	76,173.50	6	2,014.50	36	14,264.00	92,452.00
Flagler.....	93	30,581.50	5	1,125.50	4	1,362.00	33,069.00
Nassau.....	330	108,828.00	14	4,931.00	57	20,001.00	133,760.00
Putnam.....	714	230,912.00	61	20,747.00	67	20,027.50	271,686.50
St. Johns.....	635	205,910.00	27	9,917.00	50	18,020.00	233,847.00
Union.....	191	62,465.00	4	1,113.00	32	10,314.50	73,892.50

TOTAL.....	4,008	\$1,283,487.00	223	\$ 76,127.00	611	\$ 190,015.50	\$1,549,629.50
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DISTRICT No. 6—

Duval.....	3,241	\$1,121,780.50	218	\$ 78,878.50	322	\$ 95,805.50	\$1,296,464.50
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DISTRICT No. 7—

Hillsborough.....	2,928	\$ 917,401.50	169	\$ 58,722.00	327	\$ 92,893.00	\$1,069,016.50
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DISTRICT No. 8—

Charlotte.....	145	\$ 45,538.50	4	\$ 1,502.50	15	\$ 3,931.00	\$ 50,972.00
Collier.....	59	20,157.00	3	1,598.00	7	2,395.50	24,150.50
De Soto.....	212	75,531.00	8	3,490.50	29	7,217.50	86,239.00
Glades.....	69	24,333.00	2	677.50	14	2,754.50	27,765.00
Hardee.....	329	112,356.00	14	5,477.50	50	15,951.50	133,785.00
Hendry.....	101	33,619.00	4	1,468.50	11	3,274.00	38,361.50
Highlands.....	193	65,366.50	10	4,056.50	28	7,294.00	76,717.00
Lee.....	348	128,561.50	19	6,488.50	37	13,046.00	148,096.00
Manatee.....	537	173,234.50	20	5,946.00	32	10,223.50	189,404.00
Sarasota.....	232	73,301.50	9	3,844.00	15	5,735.00	82,880.50

TOTAL.....	2,225	\$ 751,998.50	93	\$ 34,549.50	238	\$ 71,822.50	\$ 858,370.50
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DISTRICT No. 9—

Dade.....	2,720	\$1,052,473.50	120	\$ 49,523.00	209	\$ 79,821.50	\$1,181,818.00
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DISTRICT No. 10—

Broward.....	389	\$ 131,314.00	39	\$ 13,446.00	38	\$ 15,471.50	\$ 160,231.50
Indian River.....	159	51,464.50	20	6,538.50	27	10,835.50	68,838.50
Martin.....	92	30,319.50	5	1,721.50	8	2,796.00	34,837.00

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS BY COUNTIES

July, 1944—June, 1945

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	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		AID TO THE BLIND		AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		TOTAL All Assistance Payments *
	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	Cases Receiving Financial Assistance	Amount of Payments *	
Monroe.....	310	112,750.50	78	31,166.00	53	19,351.50	163,268.00
Okeechobee.....	105	35,412.50	20	7,190.00	14	5,278.00	47,880.50
Palm Beach.....	809	298,413.00	57	20,849.00	123	45,738.50	365,000.50
St. Lucie.....	160	56,680.50	12	4,980.50	36	14,961.00	76,622.00
TOTAL.....	2,024	\$ 716,354.50	231	\$ 85,891.50	299	\$ 114,432.00	\$ 916,678.00
20 DISTRICT No. 11—							
Lake.....	665	\$ 235,021.50	42	\$ 14,788.50	110	\$ 33,902.00	\$ 283,712.00
Marion.....	1,283	375,208.00	64	21,057.00	248	73,608.00	469,873.00
Polk.....	2,080	744,142.00	120	47,734.00	394	139,258.50	931,134.50
Sumter.....	439	152,932.50	24	8,337.00	76	26,175.50	187,445.00
TOTAL.....	4,467	\$1,507,304.00	250	\$ 91,916.50	828	\$ 272,944.00	\$1,872,164.50
DISTRICT No. 12—							
Brevard.....	411	\$ 140,493.50	12	\$ 4,533.50	45	\$ 19,801.00	\$ 164,828.00
Orange.....	1,349	492,123.00	70	28,240.50	233	70,077.00	590,440.50
Osceola.....	399	150,995.00	24	8,355.00	41	11,617.00	170,967.00
Seminole.....	550	194,598.50	20	6,764.50	41	13,912.00	215,275.00
Volusia.....	1,268	459,334.00	91	35,650.00	111	33,319.00	528,303.00
TOTAL.....	3,977	\$1,437,544.00	217	\$ 83,543.50	471	\$ 148,726.00	\$1,669,813.50
STATE TOTAL.....	40,815	\$13,460,981.00*	2,268	\$ 802,446.00*	5,476	\$1,764,159.50*	\$16,027,586.50*

* Assistance payments shown on this table are gross and represent obligations incurred by the Agency at the time payrolls were written. For net total amounts see table showing analysis of receipts and disbursements.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945

(State Total)

	Old Age Assistance	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		Aid to the Blind
		Families	Children	
REQUESTS FOR APPLICATIONS REJECTED AT INTAKE				
Denied as Ineligible.....	1,698	180	368	59
Disposed of for Other Reasons..	567	58	116	12
APPLICATIONS				
Pending (July 1, 1944).....	1,765	5,838	15,428	85
Received (July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945).....	7,880	2,304	6,186	347
Total During Period.....	9,645	8,142	21,614	432
Total Disposed of.....	7,784	7,155	18,863	306
Approved for Payment.....	6,376	3,069	8,170	179
Denied as Ineligible.....	1,158	3,021	7,782	110
Other Reasons.....	250	1,065	2,911	17
Pending (June 30, 1945).....	1,861	987	2,751	126
CASES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE				
Cases Receiving Assistance (July 1, 1944)*.....	38,563	3,122	7,335	2,307
Added (July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945)**.....	8,240	3,516	9,097	299
Total Cases Assisted (July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945).....	46,803	6,638	16,432	2,606
Removed from Payroll (July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945)***.....	5,988	1,162	2,884	338
Total Receiving Assistance (June 30, 1945)****.....	40,815	5,476	13,548	2,268

* Cases receiving assistance are from the statistical records of the agency and are gross.

** Include new cases approved for payment, transfers from other districts, and reinstatements of suspended cases.

*** Include closed cases, transfers to other districts, and suspended cases.

**** Includes cancellations and refunds subsequent to issuance of rolls.

	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to the Blind	Total
Total Reviews Completed (July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945)	35,625	6,471	2,116	44,212

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Services to—	
Intake Services.....	8,825
Active Service Cases.....	5,417
Mental Hospitals.....	65
Penal Insitutions.....	52
Children's Institutions.....	79
Juvenile Courts.....	96
Courts on Adult Cases.....	81
County and City Welfare Departments.....	1,919
Crippled Children's Commission.....	50
States—Reciprocal.....	5,468
Selective Service Investigations—	
Deferments.....	421
Discharges.....	120
Medical Survey Completed.....	3,383
W.A.C. Investigations Completed.....	28
Interpretation Activities.....	3,030
Others.....	839

**REPORT OF THE
TWELVE
FLORIDA WELFARE
DISTRICTS**

July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 1945)

District 1.	Mrs. Anna Hollingsworth	DeFuniak Springs
District 2.	Miss Sada Bostick	Quincy
District 3.	Miss Scott Turnbull	Live Oak
District 4.	Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame	Clearwater
District 5.	Miss Estelle Long	Green Cove Springs
District 6.	Mrs. Agnes D. Warn	Jacksonville
District 7.	Mrs. Furma DeWitt	Tampa
District 8.	Mrs. Mina E. Taylor (acting)	Fort Myers
District 9.	Mrs. Dorothy Myers	Miami
District 10.	Mrs. Ruth Champagne	West Palm Beach
District 11.	Mrs. Lucile B. Harrison	Leesburg
District 12.	Mrs. Evelyn F. Cummins	Orlando

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 1945)

- District 1. Mr. A. G. Campbell, Jr., DeFuniak Springs, Chairman; Mrs. F. E. Mitchell, Valparaiso, Vice-chairman; Mr. J. T. Evans, Bonifay; Mrs. A. L. McDuffie, Chipley; Mr. J. D. Carroll, Pensacola; Mrs. J. E. Daniel, Pensacola; Mr. H. A. Brosnahan, Pensacola; Mr. J. A. Jacobi, Molino; Mr. T. W. Jones, Milton.
- District 2. Mrs. O. O. Mickler, Tallahassee, Chairman; Mrs. W. N. Faircloth, Quincy, Vice-chairman; Mr. R. B. Wells, Blountstown; Mrs. Eleanor Floyd, Apalachicola; Rev. M. A. DuRant, Marianna; Mr. H. D. Ward, Cottondale; Miss Sallie Puleston, Monticello; Mr. Parley Shuler, Bristol; Rev. Tenney I. Deane, Quincy; Mr. C. Edgerton Patterson, Tallahassee; Mr. Robert Bellows, Port St. Joe.
- District 3. Mr. B. W. Helvenston, Jr., Live Oak, Chairman; Mr. S. B. Hardee, Trenton, Vice-chairman; Dr. E. F. Montgomery, Lake City; Mr. W. R. Pratt, Cross City; Mrs. Barney Howard, Jasper; Mrs. Maude Adamson, Mayo; Mr. J. P. Kimble, Bronson; Mrs. Van H. Priest, Madison; Mr. John Rowland, Perry.
- District 4. Mr. Frank J. Booth, Clearwater, Chairman; Mr. Jasper C. Carter, Dade City, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Niel W. Upham, St. Petersburg; Dr. Grace Whitford, Ozona; Mrs. A. B. Endsley, Brooksville; Mr. Henry D. Bassett, Inverness.
- District 5. Mr. Ira Thomas, Green Cove Springs, Chairman; Mr. H. M. Agin, Waldo, Vice-chairman; Mrs. J. W. McCollum, Gainesville; Mrs. William Knabb, Macclenny; Mr. L. A. Rennolds, Starke; Mrs. Neil L. Allen, Bunnell; Mrs. Adele S. Fishler, Fernandina; Mrs. Jean L. B. Burt, Palatka; Mr. George B. Gorman, St. Augustine; Mrs. Joe Hill Williams, Lake Butler.
- District 6. Dr. Robert H. Cleveland, Jacksonville, Chairman; Mrs. Ben Stein, Jacksonville, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Francis B. Childress, Jacksonville; Mrs. Charles Norton, Jacksonville; Mr. Milton C. Moore, Jacksonville; Mr. George L. Rosborough, Jacksonville; Mr. Lucien Boggs, Jacksonville; Mr. George M. Tanner, Baldwin.
- District 7. Mr. Gettis B. Henderson, Tampa, Chairman; Mr. L. B. Poston, Tampa, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Maude Hough, Tampa; Mrs. R. W. Simpson, Tampa; Mrs. R. A. Marsicano, Tampa; Mr. Raul Vega, Tampa; Rev. A. R. Larrick, Plant City.

- District 8. Mr. C. Parke Anderson, Avon Park, Chairman; Mr. Sam W. Johnston, Fort Myers, Vice-chairman; Mrs. May D. Durrance, Punta Gorda; Mrs. T. C. Barfield, Collier City; Mr. Howard W. Robarts, Arcadia; Mr. Lloyd M. Lilly, Moore Haven; Mrs. Ralph G. Lott, Wauchula; Mrs. J. A. McGehee, Clewiston; Judge W. H. Tucker, Bradenton; Mr. A. B. Shogren, Sarasota.
- District 9. Mr. Troy C. Davis, Miami, Chairman; Mrs. Bernard Simon, Miami, Vice-chairman; Miss Marie Anderson, Miami; Mr. C. Clyde Atkins, Miami; Mrs. J. R. Brooks, Homestead; Mrs. S. S. McCahill, Miami; Mr. Denis V. Renuart, Coral Gables; Mr. A. L. Reynolds, Miami.
- District 10. Dr. Carl N. Herman, West Palm Beach, Chairman; Mr. Joe Hill, West Palm Beach; Mr. H. B. Kraft, Stuart; Mrs. S. B. Taylor, Vero Beach; Mr. E. H. Hunt, Okeechobee; Dr. Allen W. Graves, Fort Pierce; Mrs. R. L. Murray, Belle Glade; Rev. M. J. Pilkenton, Fort Lauderdale; Mr. Gerald Saunders, Key West.
- District 11. Mrs. J. M. Douglas, Weirsdale, Chairman; Mr. R. B. Fuller, Mulberry, Vice-chairman; Mr. Nye E. Jordan, Bartow; Mr. J. Boyd McLean, Lakeland; Mr. L. C. Sinclair, Winter Haven; Mr. Merrill M. Shaw, Ocala; Mr. S. H. Bowman, Clermont; Mrs. A. B. Dean, Eustis; Mrs. Elmer Boring, Wildwood.
- District 12. Mr. W. F. Cappleman, Winter Garden, Chairman; Mr. George I. Fullerton, New Smyrna Beach, Vice-chairman; Mr. H. H. Hudson, Titusville; Mr. Eldridge Hart, Winter Park; Mrs. Ruth Maguire, Orlando; Mrs. P. K. Weaver, Kissimmee; Mrs. Mary G. Holler, Sanford; Mr. John A. Holder, DeLand; Mrs. L. W. Summerlin, Daytona Beach.

SPECIAL DISTRICT WELFARE SERVICES

In addition to regular activities which include investigations to determine the eligibility of applicants for public assistance and the continuing eligibility of recipients, the district welfare boards through their staffs render special services as varied as the necessities of those whose welfare requires more than the economic assistance made possible by state-federal appropriations. Without such services, many of the more vital needs of the aged, the blind and dependent children would go unmet and the benefits of a public welfare program would be minimized.

The district welfare boards, in connection with their responsibility as administrative units of the State Welfare Board, and their staffs, are closely identified with local movements that have as their objective the advancement of the public welfare. They cooperate with interested persons, civic and church groups, organizations of many kinds, counties and municipalities; State and Federal agencies in planning for and providing relief and rehabilitation of the individual in need, and in efforts to develop additional resources to meet these needs. Board members and staff in many instances lend their efforts and give their time, outside their regular duties, to the promotion of worth-while welfare causes.

These services, which give consideration to the emotional and spiritual needs of the individual, as well as his material wants, differ in scope and character in differing areas of the State.

SERVICES TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.—In rendering services delegated to it by counties and municipalities, as authorized by the State Welfare Act, the State welfare agency functions largely through the local district boards and staffs. Such services are limited by the amount of available funds and trained social work personnel and are extended only upon request, so that even seeming infringement upon the prerogatives of these political sub-divisions may be

avoided. As the public welfare program becomes better understood and as savings in administrative costs and through avoiding duplication demonstrate the practical value of coordination, the number of counties and municipalities served increases. Each year finds a growing appreciation of the value of unity of effort.

Briefly illustrating the nature and variety of services extended: Staff members have worked with police and health officials in planning for girls with venereal infection; with county commissioners and chairman of the Tuberculosis Association in planning for families of persons admitted to the State Sanitarium; with school officials in instances of juvenile delinquency; in arousing community interest in the securing of a health unit; with the county judge in cases involving children; with county commissioners in regard to providing funds for emergency grocery and medical orders. In one instance the unit supervisor serves as a member of a county welfare board which approves all direct relief cases. In another, the staff, at the request of the sheriff, gives consultation services on all juvenile cases in an effort to work out some plan other than commitment to an institution. Through special arrangement, one district has administered a general relief fund for the county and a grocery fund for the county seat. In a county where health facilities were limited, a visitor worked with county commissioners on plans for the treatment and hospitalization of indigent persons.

SERVICES TO ORGANIZATIONS.—Inasmuch as many civic clubs and fraternal organizations sponsor special welfare projects, as well as contributing generously to emergency situations, they jointly make a substantial contribution to the relief of community need. Realizing the value of such contributions in supplementing limited public assistance grants, the district welfare boards cooperate with them by supplying the names of persons known to be in need, upon request. Through this source many benefits which could not be provided by the agency because of limitation of funds or legal restrictions are obtained.

A sampling of these special district activities, as obtained from the reports of the respective district directors: Through interpretation to civic and church organizations, assistance was made available for existing emergency situations known to the agency; staff assisted in a survey of local resources in one community, thereby obtaining the opportunity to point out unmet needs; staff cooperated with community organizations in efforts to extend the recreational program by citing the needs of children known to the agency; a staff member was active in calling to the attention of a woman's club the need of boarding home care for children; agency visitors planned with civic and church organizations for the use of certain of their funds for general relief. In numerous instances staff has enlisted the interest of local organizations in planning for the care of families not eligible under existing programs. They have been equally alert in securing their cooperation in providing tonsillectomies, eye-glasses, medical examinations and treatment, hospitalization, shelter care and nursing care for those of inadequate income who are in need of such services. In one community a luncheon club has sponsored a program to provide eye examinations for all school children. Referrals are often made to organizations in connection with Christmas benevolences.

SERVICES TO ASSOCIATED SOCIAL AGENCIES.—In those communities, mostly metropolitan, where federated groups of social agencies exist, the district welfare boards cooperate directly with them in community welfare programs. Through this concert of effort the cost of administering welfare funds is kept down and the spread of funds is consequently more extensive, promptness and efficiency of service is improved, overlapping is avoided and those in need are cared for more systematically and to better advantage.

District board members and staff serve as members of such associated groups, serve on their committees and share in their councils and planning. The district board, as a rule, has representation in the cen-

tral organization. Through its direct contacts with the needy aged, blind and dependent children, and in the larger centers through its licensing responsibility, the agency is in excellent position to understand local needs. Through its affiliation with the amalgamated agencies, it becomes more quickly aware of supplementary benefits available from local sources to recipients of public assistance and children in need of care, if state-federal assistance and services prove inadequate. The cooperating agencies are also benefited through a saving in time and cost of investigating need already known to the district welfare office.

SERVICES TO CATEGORICAL RECIPIENTS.—Due to war-time conditions, district staffs have been called on to a larger extent than ever before to supplement cash assistance to the eligible aged, blind and near-blind and dependent children with a wide variety of services.

This is especially true of that large number of aged recipients who are without friends or relatives to assist them and who must depend upon the agency for counsel and further help. Since even the maximum old-age assistance payment of \$40 per month does not go far in defraying total living costs, especially in congested centers, the single problem of securing suitable boarding homes for those who are alone in the world is a considerable one. There are many others. If they are ill, in need of medical attention or nursing care their plight is intensified. In nearly all such cases additional community resources must be found if health and well-being are to be safeguarded.

Although Florida's blind and near-blind receive cash assistance payments in the same amount as recipients of old-age assistance, if in need and otherwise eligible, and are also extended special services by the Florida Council for the Blind, their condition is not entirely alleviated. District welfare staff, through their contacts with local clubs which sponsor sight-betterment projects, are often able to obtain eye-glasses, eye-treatments and in some cases surgical operations for sight-restoration for these handicapped persons.

Limitation of state funds, together with the restriction of Federal matching to \$18 per month for the first child and \$12 per month for other children in the family in itself precludes the ability to meet the full financial need of dependent children in many instances, especially during the present period of inflated values. Other problems which war-time conditions have presented include need of care of children of working mothers and children away from their own homes. Economic and emotional stress have both contributed to the delinquency of children. A few of the agency services to children during the year, as gleaned from reports of district directors: Efforts to obtain shelter care for children through newspaper publicity and direct appeals to individuals and groups; a conference with a county nurse to plan a dental clinic for children; plans to better meet the nutritional needs of children; a staff-sponsored community-wide meeting to work out plans for meeting children's problems; assistance to high school children in establishing a Youth Center; consultations with juvenile authorities in cases involving the delinquency of children; investigations for the Child-Care Committee of the Defense Council and similar organizations; securing boarding homes for children of men in the armed forces; securing a donation of \$1,000 from one Junior League for demonstrating a good foster-home program.

EXPLANATORY: The foregoing brief recital, which obviously must be inadequate because of limitations of space, is based on information culled from the annual reports of the twelve district welfare boards, as submitted through their directors. It is intended to convey only a general idea of the services that are required in the proper administration of a state-wide public welfare program and of the extent of existing need. It is hoped that better understanding will stimulate cooperation upon the part of all persons and agencies that have the public welfare at heart.

MONTHLY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS BY DISTRICTS*

(July 31, 1944—June 30, 1945)

DISTRICT I

MONTH	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to the Blind	Total
July, 1944.....	\$ 97,304.50	\$ 15,352.50	\$ 6,631.00	\$ 119,288.00
August.....	113,941.00	18,598.50	7,486.50	140,026.00
September.....	114,515.50	19,901.50	7,513.50	141,930.50
October.....	115,423.00	20,877.00	7,538.50	143,838.50
November.....	117,296.50	22,180.00	7,580.50	147,057.00
December.....	118,614.50	23,912.50	7,581.00	150,108.00
January, 1945.....	119,384.00	24,691.00	7,677.50	151,752.50
February.....	119,234.00	26,529.00	7,743.00	153,506.00
March.....	119,267.00	27,463.00	7,741.00	154,471.00
April.....	119,874.50	28,322.00	7,781.50	155,978.00
May.....	121,152.50	29,351.50	7,787.00	158,291.00
June.....	121,863.00	30,220.50	7,856.50	159,940.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,397,870.00	\$287,399.00	\$ 90,917.50	\$1,776,186.50

DISTRICT II

July, 1944.....	\$ 88,111.50	\$ 8,511.00	\$ 4,541.50	\$ 101,164.00
August.....	107,582.50	10,347.50	5,362.00	123,292.00
September.....	107,796.00	10,901.00	5,301.50	123,998.50
October.....	109,014.50	11,490.00	5,247.50	125,752.00
November.....	109,900.00	12,185.50	5,329.00	127,414.50
December.....	110,303.00	12,591.00	5,317.50	128,211.50
January, 1945.....	110,765.00	12,697.00	5,354.50	128,816.50
February.....	111,506.50	12,934.50	5,436.50	129,877.50
March.....	111,560.00	13,139.00	5,531.00	130,230.00
April.....	112,269.00	13,265.00	5,529.50	131,063.50
May.....	113,724.00	13,537.50	5,515.00	132,776.50
June.....	115,013.00	13,881.00	5,476.50	134,370.50
TOTAL.....	\$1,307,545.00	\$145,480.00	\$ 63,942.00	\$1,516,967.00

DISTRICT III

July, 1944.....	\$ 69,403.50	\$10,914.50	\$ 3,621.00	\$ 83,939.00
August.....	84,816.00	13,918.00	4,307.50	103,041.50
September.....	85,506.00	14,641.00	4,289.00	104,436.00
October.....	87,070.50	15,597.00	4,245.50	106,913.00
November.....	88,041.50	16,724.00	4,256.50	109,022.00
December.....	89,656.00	16,706.00	4,292.00	110,654.00
January, 1945.....	90,667.00	17,843.50	4,386.50	112,897.00
February.....	91,193.00	18,549.50	4,406.00	114,148.50
March.....	91,749.00	18,904.00	4,422.00	115,075.00
April.....	92,927.00	19,097.50	4,596.50	116,621.00
May.....	93,728.50	20,006.50	4,555.50	118,290.50
June.....	95,250.00	20,602.50	4,670.00	120,522.50
TOTAL.....	\$1,060,008.00	\$203,504.00	\$ 52,048.00	\$1,315,560.00

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DISTRICT IV

MONTH	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to the Blind	Total
July, 1944.....	\$ 64,194.50	\$ 3,717.00	\$ 2,636.50	\$ 70,548.00
August.....	74,156.50	4,167.00	3,012.50	81,336.00
September.....	74,724.50	4,330.50	3,037.50	82,092.50
October.....	76,039.00	4,383.50	3,141.50	83,564.00
November.....	76,415.00	4,558.50	3,156.00	84,129.50
December.....	76,691.50	4,827.00	3,142.00	84,660.50
January, 1945.....	76,859.00	4,867.50	3,097.00	84,823.50
February.....	76,945.00	5,358.00	3,090.00	85,393.00
March.....	77,432.50	5,851.50	3,016.50	86,300.50
April.....	77,806.50	6,137.50	2,990.50	86,934.50
May.....	77,778.00	6,536.00	3,019.50	87,333.50
June.....	78,172.50	6,582.50	3,047.50	87,802.50
TOTAL.....	\$907,214.50	\$ 61,316.50	\$ 36,387.00	\$1,004,918.00

DISTRICT V

July, 1944.....	\$ 89,289.50	\$ 8,984.00	\$ 5,526.00	\$ 103,799.50
August.....	103,347.50	10,520.00	6,348.50	120,216.00
September.....	104,016.00	12,154.50	6,285.00	122,455.50
October.....	104,792.50	13,021.00	6,368.00	124,181.50
November.....	105,885.50	14,012.00	6,408.00	126,305.50
December.....	107,075.00	16,017.50	6,379.00	129,471.50
January, 1945.....	108,024.50	17,156.00	6,462.00	131,642.50
February.....	108,433.00	17,864.50	6,488.00	132,785.50
March.....	110,307.00	19,112.00	6,450.50	135,869.50
April.....	112,979.50	19,932.00	6,445.50	139,357.00
May.....	114,016.50	20,391.50	6,575.00	140,983.00
June.....	115,320.50	20,850.50	6,391.50	142,562.50
TOTAL.....	\$1,283,487.00	\$190,015.50	\$ 76,127.00	\$1,549,629.50

DISTRICT VI

July, 1944.....	\$ 80,218.00	\$ 6,400.50	\$ 5,875.50	\$ 92,494.00
August.....	91,424.00	6,491.00	6,568.00	104,483.00
September.....	92,101.50	6,662.00	6,537.50	105,301.00
October.....	92,105.00	6,810.00	6,455.00	105,370.00
November.....	92,975.50	7,048.00	6,628.00	106,651.50
December.....	93,540.00	7,080.00	6,603.50	107,223.50
January, 1945.....	94,553.00	7,294.50	6,586.50	108,434.00
February.....	95,450.50	8,209.00	6,675.50	110,335.00
March.....	96,825.00	8,821.00	6,765.50	112,411.50
April.....	96,944.50	9,519.00	6,672.00	113,135.50
May.....	97,498.00	10,312.50	6,709.00	114,519.50
June.....	98,145.50	11,158.00	6,802.50	116,106.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,121,780.50	\$ 95,805.50	\$ 78,878.50	\$1,296,464.50

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DISTRICT VII

MONTH	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to the Blind	Total
July, 1944.....	\$ 64,127.00	\$ 4,985.00	\$ 4,491.50	\$ 73,603.50
August.....	72,859.00	5,295.50	4,998.50	83,153.00
September.....	74,073.50	5,580.50	5,021.50	84,675.50
October.....	75,357.50	6,286.00	4,991.00	86,634.50
November.....	76,273.00	6,885.00	4,923.50	88,081.50
December.....	77,314.00	7,303.00	4,918.00	89,535.00
January, 1945.....	77,722.00	7,710.00	4,834.00	90,266.00
February.....	78,161.50	8,768.00	4,864.00	91,793.50
March.....	79,211.00	9,399.00	4,907.00	93,517.00
April.....	79,964.00	9,661.00	4,948.00	94,573.00
May.....	80,712.00	10,331.50	4,901.00	95,944.50
June.....	81,627.00	10,688.50	4,924.00	97,239.50
TOTAL.....	\$917,401.50	\$ 92,893.00	\$ 58,722.00	\$1,069,016.50

DISTRICT VIII

July, 1944.....	\$ 51,541.00	\$ 4,230.50	\$ 2,634.00	\$ 58,405.50
August.....	60,552.50	4,616.00	2,909.00	68,077.50
September.....	61,136.00	5,052.00	2,977.50	69,165.50
October.....	61,964.50	5,104.50	2,913.00	69,982.00
November.....	63,192.50	5,414.50	2,960.50	71,567.50
December.....	64,146.50	5,816.00	2,922.00	72,884.50
January, 1945.....	64,277.00	5,952.50	2,950.00	73,179.50
February.....	64,543.00	6,088.00	2,926.00	73,557.00
March.....	64,420.00	6,724.50	2,881.50	74,026.00
April.....	65,076.00	7,401.00	2,865.50	75,342.50
May.....	65,132.00	7,666.50	2,785.00	75,583.50
June.....	66,017.50	7,756.50	2,825.50	76,599.50
TOTAL.....	\$751,998.50	\$ 71,822.50	\$ 34,549.50	\$ 858,370.50

DISTRICT IX

July, 1944.....	\$ 77,928.50	\$ 4,543.00	\$ 3,861.00	\$ 86,332.50
August.....	87,684.00	5,563.50	4,292.50	97,540.00
September.....	88,184.00	5,770.00	4,352.50	98,306.50
October.....	88,089.50	6,209.00	4,250.50	98,549.00
November.....	88,713.00	6,692.00	4,245.00	99,650.00
December.....	88,850.50	7,007.00	4,241.50	100,099.00
January, 1945.....	88,815.00	7,213.00	4,213.50	100,241.50
February.....	89,667.50	7,353.00	4,215.00	101,235.50
March.....	89,090.50	7,287.00	4,001.00	100,378.50
April.....	88,753.00	7,389.00	3,907.00	100,049.00
May.....	88,368.00	7,455.50	3,940.50	99,764.00
June.....	88,330.00	7,339.50	4,003.00	99,672.50
TOTAL.....	\$1,052,473.50	\$ 79,821.50	\$ 49,523.00	\$1,181,818.00

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DISTRICT X

MONTH	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to the Blind	Total
July, 1944.....	\$ 50,743.50	\$ 7,457.50	\$ 6,167.50	\$ 64,368.50
August.....	59,220.00	7,969.00	7,115.50	74,304.50
September.....	59,668.00	8,537.50	7,143.00	75,348.50
October.....	60,307.50	8,948.00	7,300.00	76,555.50
November.....	60,758.00	9,224.00	7,296.00	77,278.00
December.....	60,931.50	9,483.50	7,276.50	77,691.50
January, 1945.....	60,839.00	9,887.00	7,311.00	78,037.00
February.....	61,026.00	10,176.00	7,290.00	78,492.00
March.....	61,054.50	10,589.00	7,298.50	78,942.00
April.....	60,766.00	10,664.50	7,277.00	78,707.50
May.....	60,634.50	10,775.00	7,255.50	78,665.00
June.....	60,406.00	10,721.00	7,161.00	78,288.00
TOTAL.....	\$716,354.50	\$114,432.00	\$ 85,891.50	\$916,678.00

DISTRICT XI

July, 1944.....	\$103,305.00	\$ 12,804.00	\$ 6,705.50	\$ 122,814.50
August.....	120,809.50	15,315.50	7,639.50	143,764.50
September.....	122,077.00	18,819.50	7,740.50	148,637.00
October.....	122,410.50	20,734.00	7,803.00	150,947.50
November.....	125,412.50	22,702.00	7,827.00	155,941.50
December.....	126,887.50	23,867.50	7,855.00	158,610.00
January, 1945.....	127,543.00	24,572.00	7,735.00	159,850.00
February.....	128,752.00	25,390.50	7,660.00	161,802.50
March.....	130,786.00	26,359.00	7,659.00	164,804.00
April.....	131,885.00	26,498.00	7,745.00	166,128.00
May.....	132,766.00	27,383.50	7,760.00	167,909.50
June.....	134,670.00	28,498.50	7,787.00	170,955.50
TOTAL.....	\$1,507,304.00	\$272,944.00	\$ 91,916.50	\$1,872,164.50

DISTRICT XII

July, 1944.....	\$103,245.00	\$ 9,327.00	\$ 6,435.00	\$ 119,007.00
August.....	117,247.00	10,425.00	7,137.50	134,809.50
September.....	118,866.00	10,803.00	7,060.50	136,729.50
October.....	120,169.00	11,342.50	6,987.50	138,499.00
November.....	120,765.50	11,843.50	7,145.00	139,754.00
December.....	120,961.00	12,455.00	7,150.50	140,566.50
January, 1945.....	121,127.50	12,669.50	7,040.00	140,837.00
February.....	122,089.00	12,971.00	6,904.00	141,964.00
March.....	122,347.00	13,260.50	6,876.00	142,483.50
April.....	123,203.50	14,198.00	6,898.50	144,300.00
May.....	123,509.00	14,299.00	6,928.50	144,736.50
June.....	124,014.50	15,132.00	6,980.50	146,127.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,437,544.00	\$148,726.00	\$ 83,543.50	\$1,669,813.50

* (Figures are from the statistical records of the agency and are gross).